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Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether the on-going economic reforms have failed to generate employment;

(b) if not, the employment generated since October, 1999;

(c) whether the Government have made any assessment of on-going economic reforms in the context of employment generation;

(d) if so, the findings thereof; and

(e) the extent to which the target regarding generation of employment has been achieved so far?

Answer

MINISTER OF LABOUR (SHRI SAHIB SINGH VERMA)

(a) & (b): Since the initiation of economic reforms in 1991, National Sample Survey Organisation has carried out quinquennial surveys on employment and unemployment during 1993-94 and 1999-2000. As per these surveys, estimated employment in the country on usual status basis has gone up from 374 million in 1993-94 to 397 million in 1999-2000.

(c) & (d): Government constituted a Special Group headed by Dr. S.P.Gupta, Member, Planning Commission to analyse employment and unemployment in all aspects and suggest strategy and programmes for creating 5 crore employment opportunities during the 10th Plan period. The special group has recommended the following strategy.

- 8% growth in GDP with business as usual will contribute around 30 million employment opportunities.
- Special employment generation programmes will yield around 20 million employment opportunities.
- Special emphasis on agriculture, irrigation, agro-forestry small and medium enterprises, tourism, information communication technology and other services.

(e): Considering the employment creation taking place in the normal growth process as well as through special employment generation programmes, it is estimated, that approximately 80 lakh jobs were created during the 1st year of the 10th Plan.